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The 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Troparion (Resurrection), Tone 6

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy

Troparion for Entry of Mother of God in Temple, Tone 4

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: "Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Prokeimenon. Mode 1.
Psalm 32.22,1

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with

wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

The Gospel According to Luke 12 : 16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Questions to ask yourself as preparation for Confession, based on the Ten Commandments.

First Commandment

Have I believed in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?
Have I failed to trust in God and His mercy?
Have I complained against God in adversity?
Have I been thankful for God's blessings?
Have I doubted the Christian faith and the teachings of the Church?
Have I tried to serve God and keep His Commandments?
Have I neglected my duties to God through fear of ridicule or persecution?
Have I failed to pray to God faithfully'?

Second Commandment

Have I made an idol of any person or thing?
Have I given to anyone or anything the worship that is due to God alone?
Have I read the Holy Scriptures regularly?
Have I been irreverent during Church Services, let my attention wander, or using my cell phone during the Church services?

Have I neglected to receive Holy Communion without due preparation?

Third Commandment

Have I profaned the Holy name of God in any way?

Have I cursed anyone or anything, or sworn a false oath?

Have I failed to give proper reverence to holy persons and things?

Have I had due respect for the clergy of the Church or hindered them in performing God's work?

Have I broken any solemn vow or promise?

Have I entered into any unlawful contract or made an unlawful promise?

Fourth Commandment

Have I stayed away from Church on Sundays or prevented others from going?

Have I done unnecessary work on Sundays?

Have I spent the day in unwholesome fashion or profaned it by improper conduct?

If I could not go to Church because of illness or other grave cause, have I prayed at home?

Have I caused anyone else to profane the Lord's Day?

Have I kept the Fasts and Festivals prescribed by the Church?

Fifth Commandment

Have I respected my parents and been obedient to them?

Have I been guilty of deception, or caused them pain by my words or actions?

Have I neglected them or failed to help them?

Have I done my duty towards my family?

Have I been wanting in love or kindness towards my husband (or wife), or harmed him (or her) in any way?

Have I set my children a good example and tried to bring them up properly?

Have I corrected their faults with patience and not with anger?

Have I over-indulged or spoiled them?

Have I neglected my God-children and failed in my obligations towards them?

Have I worked for my employers honestly and diligently?

Have I treated fairly all those who have worked for me?

Have I honored God as my Heavenly Father by treating others as my brothers, and have I honored the Church as my spiritual Mother by honoring and practicing my religion in accordance with her teachings?

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Liturgical Schedule for this week

Monday *November, 20*	**6:00 pm**	**Vespers with Litia for Entry of Holy Mother in Temple**
Tuesday *November, 21*	**8:30 am** **9:30 am**	**Matins** **Divine Liturgy Entry of Holy Mother in Temple**
Saturday *November, 25*	**6:00 pm**	**Vespers**
Sunday *November, 26*	**9:00 am** **10:00 am**	**Matins** **Divine Liturgy**

Announcements:

- **Happy Thanksgiving!**
- **Happy Name Day** for Katie Mironidis (25 November, St. Catherine), and **Happy birthday** for Gregory Downie (24 November).
- **The Cathedral of National Redemption –** funds collection starting with today by December 3rd.
- **Ladies Christmas Luncheon – December 2. All** ladies are invited. For more info contact Sandra Nasto.
- **We need more snacks for West Street School –** please contact Sandra Nasto or preoteasa.
- For those who have not donated their **stewardship funds** this year, please try to get donations in before the year's end.
- Altar Candles donated by Louise Boillard in the memory of Mary Tanka.
- Coffee hour sponsored by **Jose and Destiny Collazo.**